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Title:	PARAMETER ELECTION METHOD WITH BALLOTING METHOD FOR THE SELECTION OF PARAMETERS IN PROTOCOLS (E.G. TANDEM FREE OPERATION TFO) (as amended)				
Assistant Co	mmissioner For Patents				
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Sir:					
	PRELIMI	NARY A	MENDMENT		

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.